

## **Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes**

### **Call to Order**

A regular meeting of the First Things First Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council was held on June 13, 2012 at King of Glory Church and Preschool, 2085 East Southern Avenue, Tempe, Arizona 85282.

Chair Andrea Colby welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at approximately 3:35 p.m.

### **Members Present:**

Chair Andrea Colby, Vice Chair Maureen Duane, Genoveva Acosta-Bueno, Trinity Donovan, Karen Emery, Jackie Garner, Hope Dillon, and Glen Waterkotte

### **Members Absent:**

Kathy Halter, Zita Johnson and Frank Narducci

### **Approval of Regular Meetings Minutes of May 9 and May 24, 2012**

A motion was made by Council Member Garner to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2012 meeting, seconded by Council Member Emery. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Duane to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2012 meeting, seconded by Council Member Dillon. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Call to the Public**

The following people made brief comments to the Council.

- Cynthia Stark with King of Glory Preschool welcomed everyone to King of Glory. She stated that the preschool was started 22 years ago by Joanne Floth and others. She discussed the challenges of enrollment, especially with visibility from the street and stated that they are increasing their internet presence.
- Emily Hughes with the Arizona Chapter of American Pediatrics and Best Care for Kids thanked First Things First for funding and shared the story of a family which she was able to assist.
- Carla Sahr with TEACH stated that there are nine CDA graduates, 7 of which are from Tempe Lutheran, as well as two AA graduates. She stated that eight new scholars were just signed up last week. She distributed copies of the TEACH newest newsletter.

### **Reflections and Appreciation of Council Members**

Regional Director Floth asked the four departing Council members well as those Council members who are staying on the Council to share their thoughts about their time on the Council. Chair Colby stated that everyone worked so well together and were not members for their own benefit. She also stated that there is a lot of paperwork and statistics involved in being a Council member. She said that she appreciated that all of the data and information was explained to them. Council Member Garner stated that she had never worked with a group of people such as are on the Council and stated that she has always enjoyed coming to the meetings due to the collaboration involved and that everyone's sole goal was always children without any hidden agendas. Council Member Dillon said she is sad to be leaving the Council and was so excited when First Things First was formed and for all different groups of people to have the ability to express their opinions. Council Member Waterkotte stated that he has been very impressed by the knowledge of all

of the Council members. Council Member Emery stated that she would say that she has been overwhelmed as to what the Council has been able to accomplish and by the knowledge of everyone. Vice Chair Duane stated that there is still so much more to be done. Council Member Donovan stated that so much has been accomplished and will miss the knowledge and expertise of the four departing members.

Regional Director Floth presented Chair Colby and Council Members Dillon, Garner and Waterkotte with a book which was signed by the other Council members as well as with a plaque in appreciation of their service on the Council. Regional Director Floth thanked the four departing Council members for their service for focusing on Arizona's children and what is best for them.

Regional Director Floth stated that the four new Council members which were approved by the First Things First Board are Lyra Contreras, Mara DeLuca, Beth Haas, and Tina Wilson-Hardwick.

### **Quarter 3 Data and Narrative Reports/Contract Detail**

Regional Director Floth asked the Council members if they had any questions about the data and narrative reports. All Council members stated they had no questions and appreciated the new format.

Regional Director Floth acknowledged incoming Council Member Tina Wilson-Hardwick, who was present in the audience.

Member Acosta-Bueno arrived at the meeting at 4:05 P.M.

Regional Director presented information to the Council members about the infant/toddler project and stated that they have 28 participants as well as 10 directors and that two trainings have been held with 100% participation with both directors and teachers. She stated that the Department of Health Services is also wanting to meet on a monthly basis with the consultants to see if there is anything that DHS can do directly to assist in the licensing process.

### **Director's Report and Council Updates**

- Regional Director Floth provided Council members with a handout on Quality First which included a listing of the star ratings of Quality First Centers by Regional Council.
- Council Member Donovan stated that the Arizona Learning and Literacy center has been conducting screenings at the family resource center and during that screening, it was discovered that one of the children needed glasses. She also stated that the Chandler Christian Community Center had been partnering with Community Services of Arizona (CSA) that provided senior meals in Chandler and Gilbert as well as the CAP office. Due to financial difficulties, the agency decided to close and that after that, the board of the Chandler Christian Community Center voted to take over all of the senior meals and CAP functions and have also been able to hire all of the staff from CSA.
- Vice Chair Duane stated that the child development lab at Arizona State University has been accredited.
- Council Member Dillon stated that all meeting agenda attachments as well as approved minutes are now being uploaded to the First Things First website.
- Council Member Acosta-Bueno stated that some of the CAP offices will be closing, with the Buckeye office closing first, and then the Guadalupe CAP office closing starting with 2013-2014.
- Regional Director Floth provided the Council members with a handout on the school readiness indicators and benchmarks. She stated they will be presented to the Tribal Councils in early August, and then they will be presented at the FTF Summit in August.
- Regional Director Floth provided Council members with the executive summary and recommendations from the Early Childhood Research and Evaluation National Advisory Panel.

- Regional Director Floth reminded Council members that the Summit will be held on August 19-21 and that Michelle Katona will be sending them an email regarding registration. Regional Director Floth also passed out registration forms to Council members so that they could fill them out at this time. All registration forms are to be returned to Caitlyn Hollins since the only registrations to be filled out on the Summit website itself are for those non-FTF individuals who will be paying to attend the Summit.
- Regional Director Floth announced that there will not be a July meeting and that she will instead be setting up one-on-ones with all Council members, to include outgoing Council members, in July. She stated that the needs and assets report draft will be discussed at the August meeting.
- Regional Director Floth stated that Conrad Lindo has been hired as the new Community Outreach Coordinator. Mr. Lindo was previously with the Arizona Center for Responsible Fatherhood and since federal funding ended for that project, he has been involved with Thrive to Five. Mr. Lindo will be starting employment on Monday, June 18.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting will be held on August 8, 2012 at the Chandler Unified School District Office, 1525 West Frye Road, Chandler, Arizona 85224.

#### **Adjournment**

Chair Colby asked for any additional questions, or comments from the Council and receiving none, adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

Submitted By \_\_\_\_\_  
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Approved By \_\_\_\_\_  
Andrea Colby, Chair